

## CITY MAY DO ITS OWN ROAD REPAIR WORK

Reopening of Rock Quarries at Moiliili to Be Considered in View of 1918 Program

As part of the preparations for the huge program of road building, road repair and road maintenance to be undertaken by the board of supervisors in the city and county of Honolulu with the beginning of next year the municipal rock quarries at Moiliili closed in March, 1916, may again be reopened with a view to cutting down the cost of obtaining this necessary material for the work. Engineer George M. Collins is preparing a report to be presented to the board of supervisors meeting on Friday evening in regard to the feasibility of reopening the quarries.

At present the city is buying out-right what rock it needs for road repairs and will continue this until the close of the year at least. When the road program comes up, the question of whether the city and county should do its own road building or have it done by contractors will be discussed.

If it is decided that the city and county shall do its own work as far as rebuilding is concerned, the city quarries will undoubtedly be opened up. However, even if the city and county resolves to continue the present system an effort may be made to procure the necessary right to the city and county to sell rock from its quarries to the contractors on municipal work. To obtain this right the territorial legislature would have to grant special permission and it is doubtful whether this could be done.

It is argued that, with A. S. Cantin in charge, the road building work would be in the hands of a man who could meet contractors on their own grounds and who, because of his knowledge of the ins and outs of contracting, could be certain that all work done is according to specifications from all angles. Then again if the city did its own road work, Mr. Cantin, it is argued, would be just the man to cut down the cost of obtaining raw materials such as rock, to the last cent and could easily handle the work connected with operating a city quarry because of his experience in getting out raw materials on contracting work in the past.

**Quarries Are Leased**  
The municipal quarries are on land leased from the John Ema estate and have not been operated since March, 1916, when the city and county decided to have its road work done by contract.

The cost of reopening the quarries and the feasibility of operating a rock crushing plant on the spot will be thoroughly dealt with in Engineer Collins' report which is now under preparation.

"There are a number of things I want to clear up before I leave office," said Mr. Collins this morning, "but the rest of them I want to leave in their present state so that my successor can take them up or drop them as he wishes."

"In fact, I expected him to drop in today and go over the ground a little because I will not be able to stay over next week. I start out for the island of Hawaii next Tuesday on my new work with the Bishop estate."

"The projects which I would like to explain to him are the Punchbowl street improvement, the Bereania street to Lusitana street work, the Bereania street widening between Fort street and Nuuanu street and the Bereania street improvement from Punahou to King street, Moiliili."

"If the supervisors bring everything together under this office for the new engineer he will have plenty of work to do. But at any rate I wish him the best of luck and hope he makes a good showing."

## Marshal Aimed At Man but Gun Didn't Respond

Bullet of German-American Make Refuses to Explode and Official Gives Up Chase

MARSHAL J. J. SMIDY reached for his automatic revolver last night and got it. He jerked it up on a level with his eyes, squinted along the dull blue barrel and pressed the trigger. There was a click, but that was all. The expected spurt of fire and explosion failed to appear. Then the marshal drove the automatic back into his pocket and abandoned the chase.

There might have been a story for the newspapers had that gun gone off. But it didn't go off and the marshal smiled as he told of the incident this morning.

"Notice that impression on the head of the cartridge," he said, holding up a short, ugly looking soft-nosed bullet. "That is where the firing pin of my automatic hit. I suppose the bullet is old, and that is probably why it did not explode. Anyway, I'm going to get some fresh ammunition for my automatic."

The marshal admitted today that he had intended to take a shot at some one last night, under circumstances which he declined to comment on.

## DRAFT LAWS AS REGARD JAPANESE TO BE DISCUSSED

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—Sato, Japan's ambassador in Washington, will shortly open negotiations with the proper American authorities in regard to the draft of aliens, especially the Japanese, in the American national army.

Under the terms of existing treaty between America and Japan, every alien Japanese residing in the United States is exempted from the military service or any other obligation as to military duties to America, as are all the American citizens residing in Japan held immune from Japan's military calls. What change, if any, in the status of the Japanese in America might result from the forthcoming negotiations is a matter of wide interest which is already attracting attention of the Washington diplomatic corps as well as the heads of the American government.

## NO DANGER OF OIL FAMINE AT PRESENT TIME

While there is no relief in sight for the present oil shortage, there is little danger that it will seriously affect the larger buyers of this product because most of them have long time contracts. The Oahu Railway and Land Co., the Hawaiian Electric Co., and the Honolulu Gas Co., who are among the largest buyers of oil in the city, are all furnished on contracts which may carry them into next year.

The Union Oil Co. supplies the railroad and the electric companies, while the Standard Oil Co. supplies the gas company. It is reported by the office of B. F. Dillingham, agents for the former company, that there was no danger that the oil supply would be cut off at present.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

A building permit for the construction of a dwelling house for Chas. T. Levy to cost \$3,850 and a cottage to cost \$275 on Makiki Heights was issued from the building inspector's office yesterday.

The supervisors have granted the use of Ala Park on the evening of October 4, 5, 6 and 7, to the Japanese Ministers Association for the purpose of holding union evangelistic services. All the Japanese Christian churches in the city will unite in these meetings as one body.

There will be a special meeting of the board of governors of the Commercial club on October 5, at 12:15 p. m., to confer on changing the meeting time of the organization. At present the meeting days of the club conflict with those of other organizations. George Kluegel, secretary, urges that as many members as possible be present so as to be able to present all the views on the subject.

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The Swiss sanitary authorities along the German frontier are taking drastic measures to prevent diphtheria, typhus and scarlatina, which prevail in Rhine towns, from entering Switzerland.

## Chinese Mermaid Takes Marine Ride On 'Fish'



The accompanying photograph shows Lady Sen Mei, the Chinese singer, in front of the Moana Hotel, riding one of the latest "sport fishes." These fishes have been imported by Manager Harry Stinson of the Territorial Hotel Co. for trial in the surf. The fish, which are rubber, are gaily painted to represent imaginary finny inhabitants. They are ridden very much like one would ride a horse, and according to Lady Sen Mei, act much like the animal would were he of the bucking broncho variety. Lady Sen Mei will sing at mauka pavilion of the Young hotel tomorrow night in the course of a concert beginning at 8:15.

## ARNOLD IS NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH "BIG FOUR" PLAN

Supervisor Charles N. Arnold, member of the so-called "Outlaw" faction of the board of city dads, declared today that he was not at all in favor of the plan of the "efficiency party" to bring all public works back under the city engineer's department. But whether he will oppose the plan when the progressives attempt to "put it across," he would not say.

"My reasons for opposing the nomination of last Tuesday have, I believe, been made clear," said Supervisor Arnold. "But it is immaterial to me just now who the heads of the city departments are. As a supervisor I'm going to give the best that is in me to make the city government a success, and give the people an efficient and economical government. I'll do my share, and the experience I have gained while a member of the board will be at the disposal of the department heads at all times."

"I do not intend to pick quarrels with department heads. I intend to work with them. The successful man in office will have my cooperation. It is the people who suffer when the work of the head of a department is blocked."

"But I do not believe this proposed consolidation of public works under the city engineer's department is a proper move. I am inclined to believe that giving the city engineer the power to hire and fire would be inviting favoritism."

"I further believe that there are traces of politics in the appointment of Mr. Cantin as city engineer. And another thing, why was it necessary to revise the board committees so that each committee would be in the hands of the 'Big Four'? It looks to me like a cut-and-dried proposition. What was back of it? Why don't these men come out and explain?"

"There is no danger that further appointments will not go through. If it is ruled that the appointive power lies in the board, all the 'Big Four' will have to do is to table all the mayor's nominations and move their own men in. They have the majority."

## PUNAHOU PREP IS USING ALL AVAILABLE ROOM TO OVERCOME CONGESTION

Because of the increased enrolment, no more pupils can be received at the present time into the fourth grade at the Punahou preparatory school, it is announced. The fourth grade is filled to capacity and the eighth grade nearly so, having places for only three more students.

There is congestion all along the line at the preparatory school, and at present every available room is being used for class work. Two rooms in the basement are being utilized, and the rear of the chapel is being used to accommodate the sewing class.

The enrolment was 501 when school opened early this morning and at the present time it is 516. On the opening day last year the enrolment was 476.

## DOWSETT TRACT LAND EXPERIENCING BOOM

A boom in Dowsett Tract real estate property is being experienced this week according to William Hoogs of the Bishop Trust Co. Two sales, one for lot No. 4 and one for lot No. 5 in the tract, have just been completed and inquiries regarding and requests for maps of the property are coming in thick and fast. No. 4 lot was sold for \$5092 to Harry Macfarlane of the firm of Giffard & Macfarlane, stock brokers, who intends to build a beautiful residence on the lot. No. 5 lot was sold to Thomas King of the California Feed Co., who also intends commencing the construction of a residence on his newly acquired property.

## MRS. VAN CLEVE DIES AT MINNEAPOLIS HOME

Mrs. Seymour Van Cleve, sister of Mrs. W. W. Hall of Honolulu, died at Minneapolis last Sunday, according to a cable received by M. MacIntyre. The deceased was well known to Honoluluans on account of her many lectures during her recent residence here, regarding the war in Europe.

An attachment for a two-wheeled hand truck has been invented that holds bars open as they are being filled.

## HAWAII TO CLEAN UP \$180,000 OF BONDED DEBT

Announcement that the territory will wipe out \$180,000 of its bonded indebtedness next Thursday was made today by Treasurer Charles J. McCarthy in a speech before the Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon.

Treasurer McCarthy's talk to the Rotarians dealt with territorial finances and his recent quest for the golden fleece on a bond selling trip to the mainland. He traced the bond history of the government and the manner in which bonds are disposed of to secure cash for public improvements.

"The first three bond issues have been wiped off the slate," said the treasurer. "These included \$315,000 for fire claims issued May 1, 1903; \$1,000,000 on October 1, 1903, and \$1,000,000 on January 2, 1905."

"Of a \$600,000 issue made October 4, 1905, there was \$150,000 wiped out on October 4, last year. On October 4, this year, or next Thursday, \$180,000 more is to be taken up."

All the other issues are still outstanding, the treasurer showed. He said the bonded indebtedness at present, minus the \$180,000, is \$7,654,000, to which will be added whatever sum in new bonds will be borrowed.

## NEW CROP OF NEWTOWN PIPPIN APPLES ARRIVES

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## U. S. INSPECTOR REACHES HAWAII

Col. Charles G. Woodward, recently called to active service and appointed inspector general of the Hawaiian department, has arrived and assumed his new duties.

This is not the officer's first visit to Hawaii, as during the years 1908, 1909 and 1910 he made several inspection trips to the islands. This was before a separate department was formed and the visits were made as a part of the work of the Western division to which the islands were attached.

Since his retirement in 1912, Colonel and Mrs. Woodward have been living at Palo Alto. She accompanied him to the islands and they are at the Pleasanton.

## HUTTON LEAVES HOSPITAL

Inspector W. H. Hutton, of the liquor license board, has been discharged from Queen's hospital where he had been confined with typhoid fever. He was around at police headquarters for a while this morning, but declared he felt too weak to work. He will remain at his home for several days.

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